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SUBJECT: EXBS: AZERBAIJAN ADVISOR MONTHLY REPORTING CABLE - December 2009

I. BROAD ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ADVISORS AND AGENCY MANAGERS:

A. Leadership of the State Border Service (SBS) of Azerbaijan continues to express concern that the Leahy vetting dispute threatens cooperation with EXBS and relations with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Coast Guard.

B. Officials from NAVEUR have prepared a draft Country Action Plan which may propose significant future engagement with the Azerbaijani Coast Guard (AJCG).

C. Due to the fact that the SBS is not currently participating in EXBS-funded training due to the Leahy vetting dispute, no EXBS-funded equipment purchases will be made for the SBS until they resume participation in EXBS-funded training.

D. NSOI leadership is planning a trip to Baku as soon as possible to present and negotiate a joint action plan.

II. COMPLETED ACTIONS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD

A. SITE ASSESSMENTS AND MEETINGS DURING REPORTING PERIOD:

3 December - The EXBS Advisor met with DTRA Program Manager Dawn Brown and the Naval Attache to discuss current programmatic issues and future collaborative efforts with the AJCG.

9 December - The EXBS Advisor briefed EURACE Country Assistance Officer Sonata Coulter on past, present, and future EXBS activities in Azerbaijan.

10 December - The EXBS Advisor and EXBS Program Coordinator took an assurance trip to the green border near Bilosuvar to visit EXBS funded towers and fencing. The trip was hosted by the State Border Service and covered approximately 20 kilometers of green border southwest from the port of entry at Bilosuvar. Four towers and several kilometers of new fencing were visible. The fencing seemed to be of good quality and construction but the towers were very poorly constructed. Therefore the SBS should not be given more tower construction materials unless a separate professional contractor is used for the actual construction.

15 December - The EXBS Advisor met with Mr. Kashyap Patel from EUCOM-CNT. The focus of the visit was to gather information and

brief Post and the GOAJ on the goals of future CNT efforts in Azerbaijan. Where all CNT past efforts have focused on maritime interdiction, CNT now plans to offer ion scanning drug detection equipment at main ports of entry. This equipment donation will likely be solely for the State Customs Service. The ODC is going to collect needed information to support a purchase of ion scanners in FY11.

16 December - The EXBS Advisor and Program Coordinator met with Mr. Nusrat Suleymanov of the Foreign Ministry to discuss several pending dipnotes and to present the EXBS plan for CY 2010. Mr. Suleymanov had no objections to the EXBS plan but requested more information on some of the courses and requested that EXBS endeavor to conduct more training courses in Azerbaijan rather than in the US. He further expressed disappointment that the EXBS budget is reduced from those of previous years and expressed GOAJ support for the EXBS Program for Azerbaijan.

16 December - The EXBS Advisor met with Ms. Saltanat Mammadova and Mr. Vassiliy Yuzhanin of the local IOM office. The IOM officials briefed on the completion of a Integrated Border Management Model program conducted with the State Border Service from 2007 through 2008. The project was designed as a pilot project to establish the EU model of an integrated border management model on the southern border. The focus was to increase SBS ability to facilitate legal flows of persons and goods across the border by improving procedures but also to enhance capabilities to tackle the phenomenon of cross-border criminality such as human trafficking, illegal migration, smuggling of narcotics, WMD proliferation, and international terrorism. The project was funded by the EC and began in June 2008 and lasted 30 months. Significant training and

equipment was provided to both the SBS and SCC.

B. TRAINING CONDUCTED DURING REPORTING PERIOD:

NONE

C. ITEMS DELIVERED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD:

Description	US \$ Value
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D. IMMINENT TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT STATUS UPDATE:

TRAINING:

Three to five Azerbaijani Coast Guard (AJCG) officers have been invited to visit a U.S. Coast Guard repair, maintenance, and JC3 facilities the first week of February 2010. The visit will provide firsthand experience for the AJCG officers in numerous aspects of operating maritime maintenance and JC3 facilities. The trip will include electronics, sustainment, ship maintenance and repair, Command Center organization and operation, radar site visit and associated maintenance and spare parts, and ship/station visits.

EQUIPMENT - Procurement in process:

Description	US \$ Value
Hand-held Trace Detectors/Analyzers	Under bid
Baggage X-ray System	
Radioisotope Identifiers	
X-ray Florescence Metal Analyzers	
Portal Type Metal Detectors	
Density Meter Kits	
Fiberscope Kits	

E. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPORT CONTROLS, NONPROLIFERATION, OR RELATED BORDER SECURITY:

NONE

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